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Remarks

This amendment is in response to a request by Examiner Sondra Nolan via telephone to correct several typographical errors in order to place the claims in condition for allowance.

The following errors were noted:

Claim 4 incorrectly depends from claim 2 which was previously canceled.
Applicants have canceled claim 4.

Claims 13 and 16 are duplicates. This was an inadvertent typographical error. Claim 16 as originally filed is not a duplicate of claim 13, nor was claim 16 ever properly amended during prosecution of this application. Applicants have reinserted original claim 16, the subject matter of which is fully supported by the originally filed claim 16. No new matter has been added. Claim 16 is patentable over the art of record for at least the reasons previously presented.

Claims 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 and 32 recite "total blend" in lines 2 and 4 of the claims for which there is no antecedent basis. Applicants have amended these claims to recite "total composition". No new matter has been added.

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CONCLUSION

Claims 1, 3, 5-9, 11-13, 15, 16, 18, 19 and 21-33 are pending in the application. Applicant has addressed the issues per the teleconference of September 22, 2004. The claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicants request reconsideration of the claims as presented. Should any issues remain, the examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record at (952)563-3011 to expedite prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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